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# TUESDAY

January 26, 1999



What would you like to see more of at UTPA?

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The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

## Spring enrollment up, says registrar

By JULIA D. NAVA  
The Pan American

Unofficial numbers show that UTPA enrollment for the 1999 Spring semester increased by 2.5% from last year. A preliminary count of 11,789 students were registered as of Thursday.

"The enrollment is not as high as it was 4 or 5 years ago, but we are above the previous year," said David Zuniga, registrar director. "That shows our enrollment is growing."

According to unofficial statistics, enrollment decreased by 7% in the freshman level and 6% in the sophomore level. Much of the decline in the lower level divisions is due to South Texas Community College.

"We know that many of the students take general education courses at STCC, and we know that their enrollment has increased as well, but our enrollment is still good," said Zuniga.

Another reason for a decline in the lower level classifications is because of a stricter admissions policy set by the university. An open admissions policy made it easy for students to attend UTPA.

"The University no longer has the open admissions policy," said Zuniga. "It now has a stricter type of admissions."

An increase in the junior, senior, and graduate levels maintains a balanced enrollment, but graduate programs are growing, according to Zuniga. New programs such as the Doctoral program for the School of Education also contribute to the increase.

Official numbers for Spring semester enrollment will not be registered until after 12 class days. According to Zuniga, there is a minimal change from unofficial numbers to the official statistics.



—Ileana Garcia-Spitz

Workers lay down the cement that will be the walkway in front of the new addition to the University library. Construction was completed Jan. 18 and interim Library Director Farzaneh Razzaghi anticipates the moving of books into the annex starting in late February or mid-March.

## Pontiff Visits Mexico



—CPX

Pope John Paul II makes his way down the course at the Rodriguez Brothers Racetrack in Mexico City before giving mass on Sunday. An estimated crowd of one million packed the racetrack to hear a call to arms from the pontiff. (See article page 7)

## NBC retracts false bulletin that Joe DiMaggio is dead

By Brian Hutchinson  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK - NBC News briefly sent shock waves throughout the nation Sunday night, erroneously reporting that Yankee great Joe DiMaggio had died.

Due to a technical glitch, the network sent out the false bulletin to its East Coast affiliate stations, which flashed the news to millions of TV viewers at about 7:30 p.m. EST.

"This is an NBC News Special Report. Baseball legend Joe DiMaggio has died at his Florida home. He was 84 years old and had ..." The message was then cut off.

Within minutes, NBC officials realized the mistake and corrected the report.

"It was an inadvertent error made by a technician in the master control area.

It was corrected as quickly as possible, and we regret the error," said NBC spokesman Cory Shields.

He said NBC officials were trying to reach DiMaggio's family to apologize.

DiMaggio, 84, who was released from a hospital on Jan. 18 after a 99-day stay, remained in stable condition at his Hollywood, Fla., home, relatives and friends said.

The NBC report was aired after DiMaggio was visited by his grandchildren and his brother, Dom, sources told the Daily News.

An NBC employee had written in advance a special report and stored it in a computer after reading the *New York Daily News*' Sunday report that DiMaggio was in grave condition, permanently bedridden and on and off a ventilator, Shields said.

But a technician in the network's

master control room in Manhattan pushed the wrong button and accidentally broadcast the report, he said.

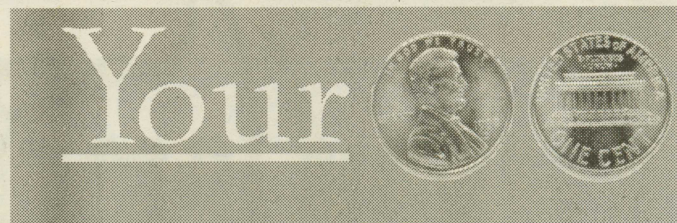
The report ran as a scroll across the bottom of millions of TV screens tuned into NBC's "Dateline" at about 7:30 p.m. EST. Ten minutes later the network ran another scroll correcting the error.

"This is a special report. A previous report that baseball great Joe DiMaggio had died was incorrect," the second scroll read.

Sources have said DiMaggio is receiving nursing care 24 hours a day. His home has advanced medical equipment.

He entered the hospital Oct. 12 to have a cancerous tumor removed from his lung. But after the operation, DiMaggio came down with pneumonia and slipped into a coma.





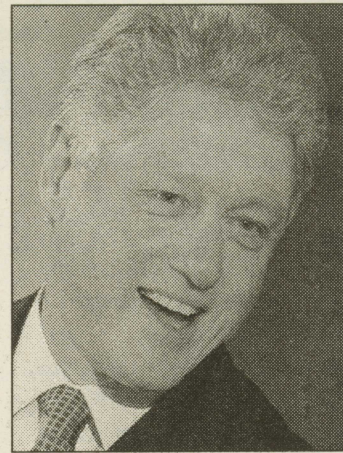
## In the President's defense ...

By NICOLE GARRISON

In regards to the current impeachment trials, one cannot argue that our president is indeed guilty of the crimes for which he is accused. Perjury and obstruction of justice are undeniably the sins of this 42nd president, but are they really grounds for impeachment? An objective look into the matter reveals perjury and obstruction of justice to be legal facades devised to debunk a perfectly capable and effective president on account of his moral conduct.

Kenneth Starr and the prosecution initially went after Clinton's apparent lack of scruples and desperately sought to convince America that an immoral man made for an ineffective president. A majority of Americans did not accept Starr's suggestions in its entirety.

To many Americans an immoral man simply made for an immoral man. What Clinton's morals — or lack thereof — led him to do had no bearing on his effectiveness as the president of the United States.



— CPX

To the objective American, Clinton's affair does not obliterate all the great things he has accomplished.

President Clinton is a man of vision. Throughout his term he has continued to strengthen America and prepare her to face the 21st century as gloriously as she came through the last one. During his presidency, Clinton has had the gall to tackle problems that many other presidents feared to address. During his presidential career Clinton has raised the minimum

wage as well as increased benefits for the average worker. He has expanded healthcare and Medicare for the poor and elderly. He has stabilized American jobs enough for [workers] to take time off for emergencies and sick leave. He has made it possible to be a working parent in America.

But most importantly, he has made a profound impact on education. Thanks to President Bill Clinton there are more teachers to better suit 53 million American students. Every school has at least minimum Internet access and every child can afford a college education.

As a president Bill Clinton has done nothing to let the American people down and it is as a president that we should judge him. When the American people put Clinton in the White House, we did not choose him to be a role model, a saint, or even a good man. We chose him, hoping that he would be a good president and that, above all, he has accomplished.

Bob Rollins

Faculty Adviser

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Q &amp; A

## What would you like to see more of on campus?

— Tony Rodriguez

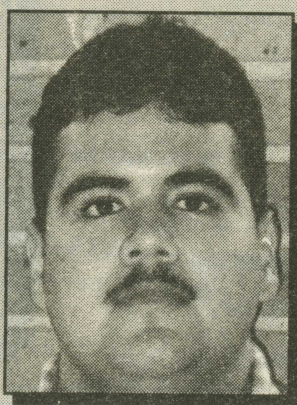


**Juana Oralia Acosta**  
Sophomore  
Spanish

More parking facilities are needed close to campus. It is hard to find a good parking space close to your first class. Some professors do not tolerate students entering class late.

**Alfonso Garcia**  
Freshman  
Biology

A larger variety of academic programs. This will encourage entering students to stay in the Valley and get an education at UTPA rather than choosing to enroll at other universities.



**Lisa Peña**  
Junior

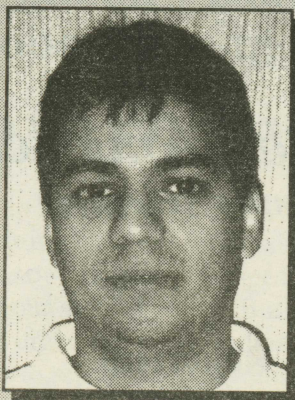
### Elementary Bilingual Education

More students involved in campus activities. Attending campus events can really help students get to know each other. It gives students the opportunity to meet different people.



**Oscar Rodriguez**  
Senior  
Accounting

More multimedia labs. I don't think that access should be limited to only graduate students. All students need to be aware of new technology. We will need to be more familiar with computers.



**Eugenio Ruiz**  
Senior  
Chemistry

More events where students are able to socialize. Social events are needed to help students relieve stress and other pressures. Especially after mid-term exams.



# Campus Briefs

## Free estate planning seminars Offered by UTPA, RGV Council

### Office of University Relations

A free estate planning seminar will be presented at the Embassy Suites in McAllen Wednesday, as the first in a series sponsored by the UTPA Foundation and the Rio Grande Valley Estate Planning Council, Inc.

Information on the various aspects of estate planning will be provided by a team of professionals led by attorney Morgan Talbot of Talbot and Wong in McAllen.

Other presenters will be attorney Judy Wong, also of Talbot and Wong; certified public accountant Pablo Vela Jr. of Long Chilton Payte Hardin; banker Carroll W. Sturgis Jr. of Texas State Bank; and financial consultant

Vicki W. Knipp of A.G. Edwards & Sons. All are from McAllen.

"UT Pan American has been offering a series of free seminars for almost a decade," said T. Edward Mercer, vice president for institutional advancement at UTPA, "and, last year, the newly organized estate planning council joined us. We're pleased to be working together to sponsor five sessions throughout the Valley in 1999."

Each of the seminars will be from 1 to 6 p.m. and will include a free dinner. Although there is no charge for the sessions, reservations are required since seating is limited at each site.

To make a reservation, or for more information, call 381-2500 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Pagan awarded grant to research Mexican underground economics

### Office of University Relations

Dr. Jose Pagan, assistant professor of Economics and Finance at UTPA, was recently awarded a \$9,900 Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct research on the underground economics of Mexico.

"I've been working on this study since September, traveling to Monterrey (Mexico) about once or twice a week," Pagan said. "I have been studying exactly how the informal underground economics, or the untaxed sectors in Mexico, have changed in recent years."

Pagan is one of some 2,000 U.S. grantees who will travel to a foreign country for the 1998-99 academic year through the Fulbright program.

"In my studies I have discovered that

between 1987 and 1993, the number of employed in the untaxed sectors has decreased from 15 percent to 10 percent," Pagan said. "I'm now trying to find out what impact this drop will have on the overall earnings in Mexico."

Pagan is conducting the study with Dr. Jose A. Tijerina, former director of the Centro de Investigaciones Economicas de la Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon in Monterrey.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, an independent foreign affairs agency within the executive branch of the U.S. government. USIA promotes mutual understanding among nations and peoples through a number of educational exchange activities.



# JANUARY

**26-27 CLINIC:** Student Health Services will be holding a Cholesterol Screening Clinic in Emilia Hall from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with special prices for students, faculty and staff. For more information, call 381-3471.

**26 MEETING:** The Society for Human Resource Management will be holding their regular club meeting at Noon in the BA Building room 223. All majors are welcome to attend.

**26 AUDITIONS:** The University Theatre will hold auditions for its production of "Brigadoon, The Musical" at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre located in the COAS Building.

**27 BASKETBALL:** Lady Broncs vs. Southern University at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

**28 CLINIC:** Student Health Services will be holding a Skin Care Clinic in Emilia Hall from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. with special prices for students, faculty and staff. The clinic will provide services including the removal of warts, skin tags, and treatment for acne and other skin problems. For more information, call 381-3471.

**28 PRESENTATION:** International Ph.D. students will be sharing their personal experiences in school and travel at Noon in the BA Building room 113. Presented by the Forum on International Relations and Business Affairs (FIRBA).

**28 DEBATE:** The Political Science Association will present a political debate between Dr. Jerry Polinard and Dr. Mark Wrighton concerning the removal of President Clinton from office. The debate will be held at Noon in the SBSC Building room 101.

**28 GUITAR SOLOIST:** Guitarist Edgar Cruz will be performing from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Admission is free.

**28 ART RECEPTION:** Reception for the Capri Prints from the Clark Collection from 7 - 9 p.m. in the University Gallery located in the COAS Building.

**29 INTRAMURAL SPORTS:** Entry forms for the 4-on-4 Co-Rec Volleyball game and the Free Throw and 3 Point Shootout are due. Games begin February 2nd. Entry forms available in UC 206-A.

**29 CLINIC:** The WIC Mobile Unit will be parked in front of Emilia Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. WIC serves pregnant students and students who have children 5 years of age and under. For more information, call 381-2511.

**29 AUDITIONS:** The University Theatre will hold

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**30 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. Texas Lutheran at 1 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

**30 BASKETBALL:** Lady Broncs vs. University of Denver at 4:30 p.m. in the Field House.

**30 BASKETBALL:** Broncs vs. University of Denver at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

**31 BASEBALL:** Broncs vs. Texas Lutheran at 1 p.m. in Jody Ramsey Stadium.

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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance. Information, call 630-5555.

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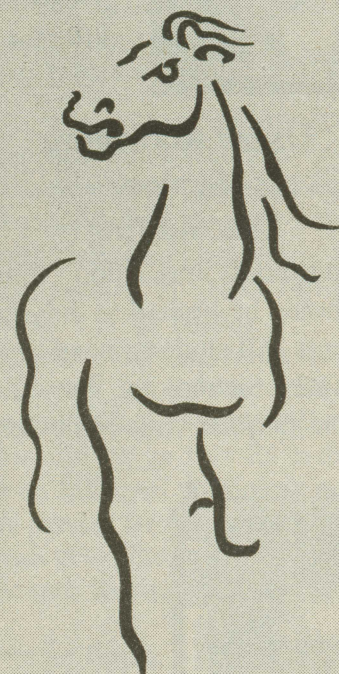
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## Pope visits Mexico, Urges young people To join priesthood

### Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MEXICO CITY - Pope John Paul II made an impassioned plea for young people to consider the priesthood or religious orders Sunday, taking his case directly to an estimated 1 million worshippers who gathered at an enormous, dusty race track for a two-hour mass.

The worldwide shortage of Catholic priests has become epidemic in Latin America, where some rural churches go weeks at a time without a mass, waiting for the arrival of a traveling priest.

The 78-year-old pope's voice had quivered early in the mass, the largest event of his ongoing visit to the Americas, but he spoke forcefully as he told young people not to be afraid of a life in the church. And his enthusiasm grew as the crowd began to interrupt his homily with applause.

"I encourage fathers and mothers to be the first to nourish the seed of the vocation in your children," the pope said. "Parents, educate your children according to the principles of the Gospel so they can be the evangelizers of the

third millennium."

Thousands of people camped out overnight at the site of the mass, despite temperatures that dropped below freezing. Organizers had expected 800,000 worshippers but ultimately said that 1 million crowded onto the track. Priests standing outside the fences said mass simultaneously for thousands more who could not get in, while nearby residents brought television sets out to the sidewalk for others.

In his homily, the pope expressed his feeling for Mexico's indigenous people, and obliquely criticized both political and religious opponents of the church.

"Sons and daughters of Mexico... do not seek the truth of life in novel ideologies," the pontiff urged, in what some observers interpreted as an allusion to fast-growing Pentecostal churches that are eating into the Catholic church's domination in Latin America.

The pope is scheduled to depart today for St. Louis, where President Clinton will greet the pontiff and meet with him in private.

## Nationwide survey shows students Like Internet, can pass on beer, sex

### The Daily Bruin

LOS ANGELES - The popularity of the Internet has grown in recent years and a survey released recently confirmed its widespread usage among students.

According to "The American Freshman," an annual survey of the attitudes and behaviors of college freshmen, 83 percent of freshmen nationwide use the Internet for both research and homework.

"I was really surprised by the number of students who use the Internet for research or homework," said survey director Linda Sax.

Internet chat rooms and e-

mail are also widely used, by 55 percent and 66 percent of students respectively, according to the study, sponsored by the UCLA-based Higher Education Research Institute.

In response to the growing presence of technology in education, questions concerning the Internet were added to the study for the first time in its 33 years.

Among other trends, this year's survey also shows a continuing decrease in political and academic interest among entering college freshmen. With the ongoing Clinton scandal, surveyors anticipated an increase in political interest, said Sax.

They found, though, that a

record low of 26 percent found "keeping up to date with political affairs" as very important.

When the survey began, the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement meant students were more concerned with politics, Sax said. Today, issues closer to home such as prosperity, volunteering, health and the Internet have gained importance.

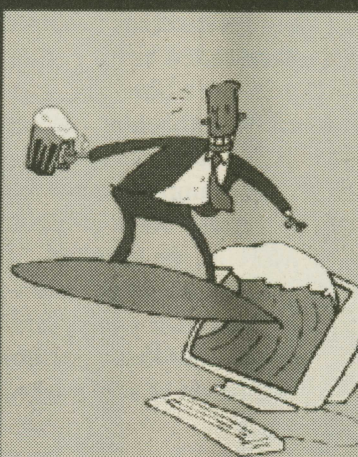
Of reasons to attend college, the quest to learn is not as important as making money, according to this year's survey. In fact, 77 percent of students nationwide report they came to college "to get a better job" and make more money when they graduate.

Other trends continued as the acceptability of beer drinking, casual sex and abortion reached all-time lows.

For example, beer drinking among freshmen has decreased greatly since 1981, falling from 75 percent to 52 percent nationally.

Also, support for keeping abortion legal has dropped for the sixth straight year. Just 51 percent of those surveyed, down from a high of 65 percent in 1990, supported the procedure.

### Shots! Your Information Hit...



#### Caught in the Web

Prefer hitting the Web to hitting the keg? According to a survey of 1,200 students at 100 colleges and universities, Web surfing was named by 73% of respondents as an "in" activity on campus. Beer drinking was second at 71%.

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## House prosecutors meet with Monica Lewinsky

### Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - House prosecutors met Sunday with Monica Lewinsky, seeking new ammunition to oust President Clinton even as some Republican senators said his impeachment trial could end in acquittal within days.

"We found that she might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if she is called," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., as he and two other House impeachment managers emerged from the meeting.

But Lewinsky's attorney, Plato Cacheris, said the former White House intern had

"added nothing to the record that is already sitting before the Senate right now" during the nearly two-hour session.

"We therefore urged the House managers to report to their superiors that it is unnecessary to call her as a witness because all of her testimony is fully and completely disclosed," Cacheris said.

On television talk shows earlier, senators of both parties agreed that a Democratic motion to dismiss the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Clinton was all but sure to fail.

Republicans, who hold a 55-45 majority in the Senate, said

they opposed ending the trial without votes on the articles of impeachment.

But some Republicans also indicated they might vote against the House impeachment managers' request to call witnesses, including Lewinsky, and instead push for a quick vote on the charges.

Many of the 21 senators who appeared on television also predicted that, barring dramatic new evidence, far fewer than the 67 needed would vote to remove him.

The trial resumed Monday with arguments by the House managers and White House

defense lawyers on two questions: a motion to dismiss by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., and a motion to hear witnesses.

When votes on those motions might be held, however, was clouded by partisan squabbling that erupted when the House managers enlisted the aid of independent counsel Kenneth Starr to force Lewinsky to meet with them.

At Starr's request, District Court Judge Norma Holloway Johnson ordered Lewinsky to cooperate with the House prosecutors or forfeit the immunity from prosecution Starr gave her in exchange for

her testimony to the grand jury.

White House defense lawyers and Democrats vigorously oppose calling witnesses, which they say would prolong the trial without adding to the information a federal grand jury led by Starr gathered.

The 13 House prosecutors, led by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., argued to the Senate that witnesses are a normal element of a trial. They also said witnesses should be called to clear up contradictions in grand jury testimony by Lewinsky, Clinton and others.



# Meadowlands benefit concert for cop killer outrages police

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — State officials say there's nothing they can do to stop an upcoming rock concert at the Continental Airlines Arena to raise funds for a convicted cop killer.

And that has the head of the New Jersey State Police livid.

Col. Carl Williams plans to write a letter expressing his outrage to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, which schedules all events at the Meadowlands, including the Jan. 28 Rage Against the Machine concert at the arena.

The sold-out concert will raise money for Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black journalist and activist on Pennsylvania's death row for the 1981 killing of a white Philadelphia police officer.

"It bothers me that it's at a state-run arena," said Williams, whose troopers back up private security at the concert. "We're putting our troopers in with a hostile crowd and my people are going to be there trying to maintain law and order. This is amazing. I'm dumbfounded."

Officials at the sports authority said they were deceived by the show's promoters, who they say did not

reveal that the concert was a fund-raiser. However, authority officials said that even if they had been told, they would not have been legally able to stop it.

In 1997, the authority tried to block a Marilyn Manson concert, only to be thwarted by a federal judge who said the arena was a public venue, and the concert posed no security risk and wouldn't damage the authority's reputation. Authority officials, and the governor's office, said that precedent will keep them from taking action to stop next week's show.

"Governor Whitman believes that holding a concert for the benefit of a convicted cop killer is deplorable," said Wendy Patella, a spokeswoman for Whitman.

"However, the courts have ruled that the Meadowlands is a public forum and the sports authority is restricted from regulating the contents of these events."

Dennis Robinson, the authority's director, said: "We booked the Rage concert based simply upon the bands because we've had them before." Both Rage Against the Machine and the Beastie Boys, who will play along with Bad Religion

at the benefit next week, have played the arena in the past 18 months.

"We would have preferred full disclosure immediately," Robinson said.

Abu-Jamal was found at the crime scene in Philadelphia with a gun, and allegedly admitted to shooting Officer Daniel Faulkner shortly thereafter — facts that made for a quick conviction in 1982.

According to evidence at his trial, Abu-Jamal gunned down Faulkner after the officer stopped Abu-Jamal's brother for a minor traffic violation. His final state appeal was denied by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Oct. 26, and a death warrant seems imminent.

While on death row appealing his case, his supporters have called him a political prisoner whose trial was tainted by withheld evidence and a biased judge and jury.

"He simply did not receive a fair trial," Rage guitarist Tom Morello, the primary spokesman for the issue-minded hard rock group, said. "It's the kind of thing that goes on in Bolivia or someplace."

## Dave Matthews, Tim Reynolds team up for acoustic album, tour

By DENISE SLOMINSKI  
*The Hatchet*

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON, D.C. — It is comforting to know live albums have not vanished completely from today's music scene. With their unique sound, live albums create an ambiance that makes listeners feel like part of the concert experience.

Although a live album is rumored to be in the making for the Dave Matthews Band, it has yet to be released. In the meantime, fans can satiate their desire for live Dave Matthews with his latest release, *Live At Luther College* (RCA). On the album, Matthews only performs with his good friend, Tim Reynolds. The album was released Jan. 19, the same day Matthews and Reynolds kicked off their acoustic tour.

The album features the 1996 acoustic performance of the two musicians at the CFL Theatre in Decorah, Iowa. The two-disc set consists of 23 songs, three of them previously unreleased. *Live At Luther College* is Matthews' second live album, however it is his first live release with Reynolds.

*Live At Luther College* brings together many popular DMB tunes, along with some

unreleased songs true fans will appreciate. The album features familiar tunes such as "Satellite," "Crash," "What Would You Say," "Ants Marching" and "Two Step." But the album also focuses on Matthews' earlier songs such as "One Sweet World," "Minarets," "Seek Up" and "Halloween." Although long-time fans automatically will recognize the unreleased songs "Deed is Done," "Little Thing" and "Granny," fans who do not know them will be in for a treat.

Reynolds' popular song "Stream" is a worthwhile addition to the album. He contributes to many of DMB's albums and recently appeared as a guest artist with the band, as it wrapped up its 1998 U.S. tour in the fall.

The overall quality of the album is excellent, mixing together Matthews' luring voice with his and Reynolds' abilities on acoustic guitar. Many live recordings eliminate the down time that occurs between the songs during the concert. *Live At Luther College* is recorded in its entirety, even Matthews' little anecdotes and moments of comic relief before and after songs. The inclusion of these tidbits elevates the album to a level many live albums fail to reach.

## Atheist's Bible sells for \$2000

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — The personal belongings of the nation's most prominent atheist went up for sale on Saturday, bringing ten dollars for a penny with "In God We Trust" crossed out and \$2,000 for a Bible.

The Internal Revenue Service seized Madalyn Murray O'Hair's belongings to pay back taxes and creditor fees after she disappeared in September 1995.

Mrs. O'Hair helped knock out organized prayer from public schools in a 1963 Supreme Court case

and founded several atheist organizations.

The penny was no shock — she often crossed out words relating to God from her coins and bills — but the Bible surprised several people.

"There is some irony in that Bible," Austin lawyer Jimmy Nassour said. Mrs. O'Hair received it from a group of Oklahoma schoolgirls in 1968. "I was willing to go up to \$500, but I got caught up in the moment."

Nassour said he may sell it to a museum.

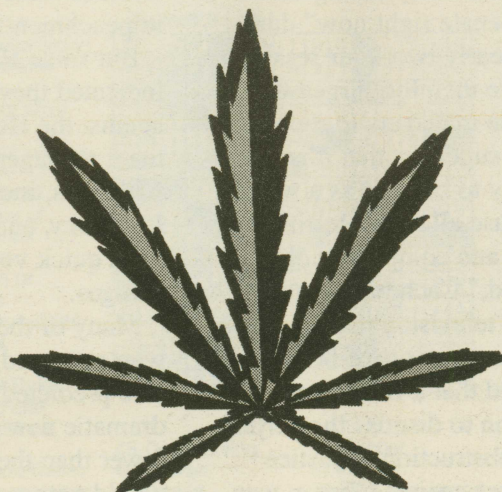
An earlier attempt to hock her belongings ended in March 1997 when a last-minute federal bankruptcy petition was filed on behalf of Mrs. O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and granddaughter Robin Murray-O'Hair, all of whom were missing.

While the bulk of Mrs. O'Hair's belongings sold hand over fist in the auction, her most personal items — her diaries, birth certificate and photographs — remain tucked away in a safe deposit box in a downtown Austin bank.

## Shots! Your Information Hit...

### High Times

Weeding through the laws? In an animalhouse.com poll, 53% of students said marijuana should be legalized nationally. 32% think marijuana should only be legal for medical purposes, while 14% believe the weed should be completely illegal.



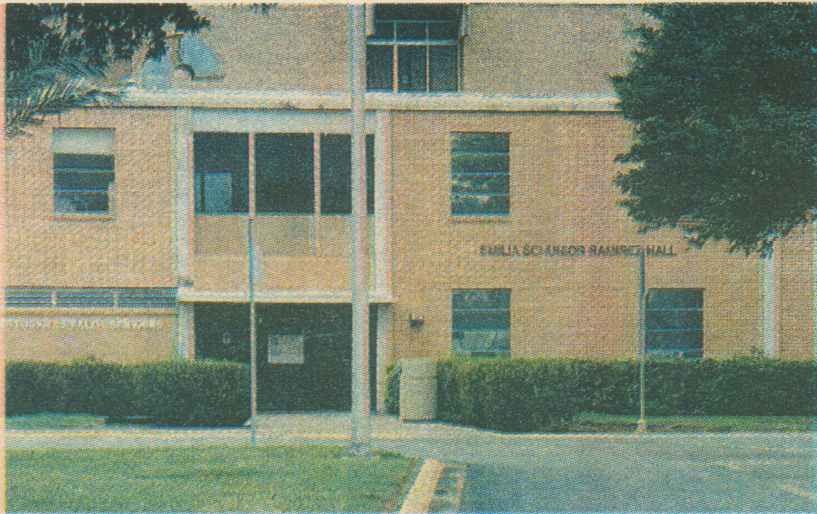
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# Student Health Services

by Julia Nava



Student Health Services are at Emilia Schunior Ramirez Hall



Linda Pereyra and Adriana Coronado



Alma Guerra and Felix Alonzo



Cecilia Salinas

**S**tudent Health Services (SHS) is a program that provides medical assistance for students and faculty at UTPA. It is one of the many services available because of students fees.

"Our main goal is to promote wellness by providing students with the appropriate health advice and treatment," said Olga Salinas, Interim Director. "Students aren't aware of what's available out there like Students Health Services."

The program is designed to help students and faculty when they are ill or in need of a doctor. Students can receive medical treatment at an inexpensive price. The SHS also has a laboratory available for screening and test like Flu Shots, Blood Profile, Pregnancy, and HIV Tests.

The SHS has a pharmacy that can provide prescription and over-the-counter medications. The Family Planning Clinic provides birth control, counseling, and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.

According to Salinas, one of the misconceptions of the SHS is that stu-

dents see it as a high school clinic setting. The SHS is a member of the American College Health Association and accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

Another misconception is that students mistake the SHS with School of Health. "Students aren't aware of our services because they think of Nursing Program," said Salinas. The SHS provides a well-oriented staff including board certified family physicians, physicians assistants, and nurses.

The center now has a full time Health Education Coordinator, Shannon Petty, who is in charge of providing information to students. One way she does this is through a program called "Don't Cancel that Class." Instead of professors canceling a class, they can ask Petty to come in and speak to students about special health topics.

Student Health Services encourages all students to take advantage of the available assistance.

***"Our main goal is to promote wellness by providing students with the appropriate advice and treatment."***

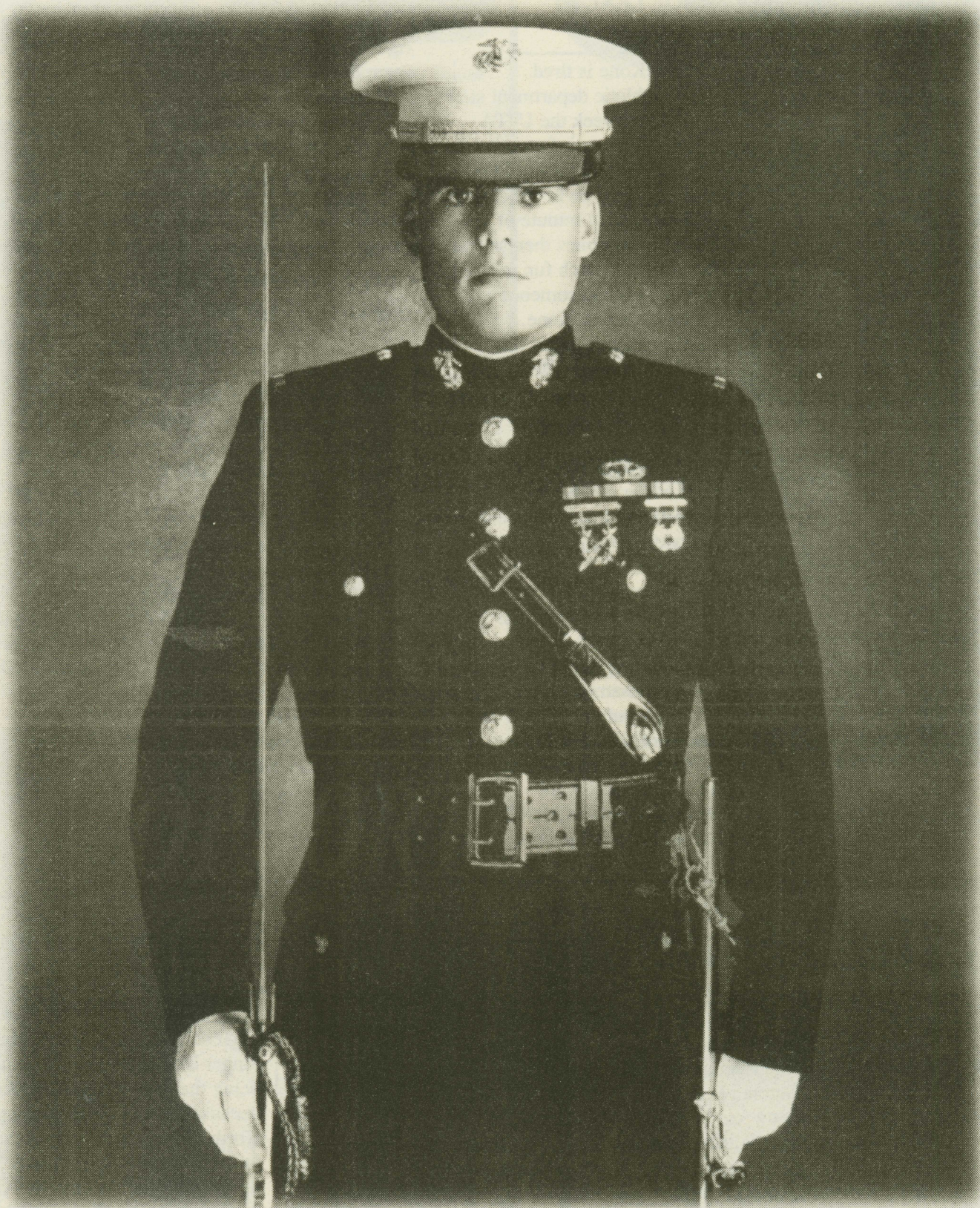
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Interim Director***



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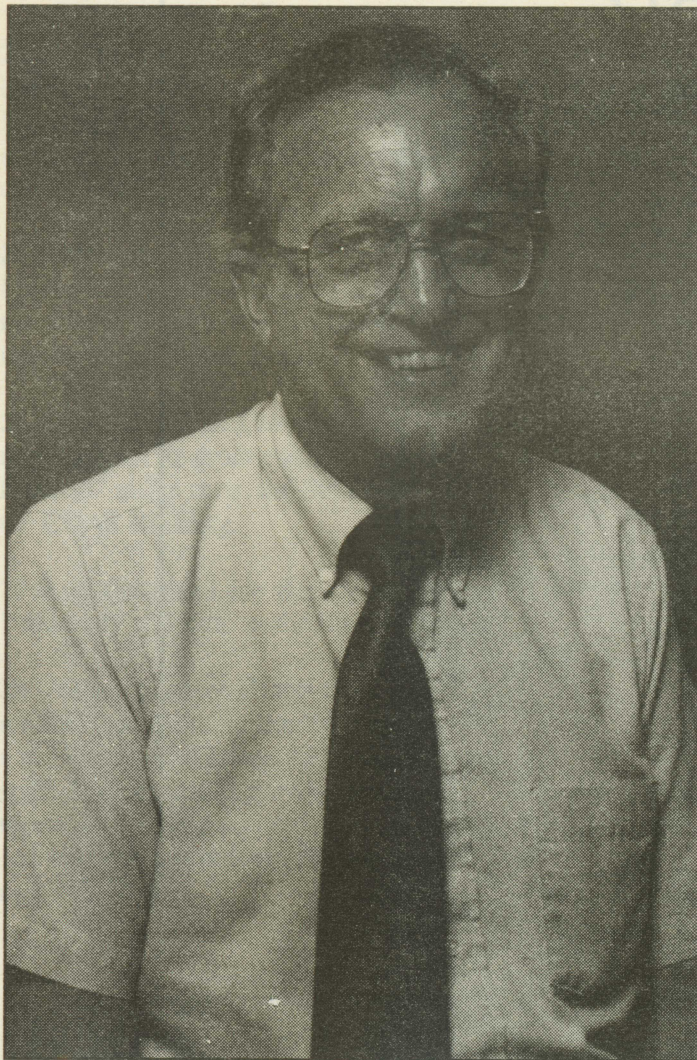
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# After 30 years, McKone plans to retire in April



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UTPA sports information director Jim McKone retires after 30 years of service.

By JOE LEAL  
Sports Editor

Jim McKone is tired.

At an athletic department staff meeting last week the UTPA director of sports information for some 30 years announced that April 30 would be his final day.

"I loved every minute of it. I will miss the games themselves. They were so much fun to be at and I always had someone to root for," said McKone.

McKone came to his decision about a month ago. He began with the university in 1969 and feels now is the best time to walk away.

He landed his first job as the sports editor of *The Monitor* from 1951-54 and he would go on to work for the *Corpus Christi Caller*, *The San Bernadino Sun*, and the *Riverside Press* as a sports writer.

After aiding in the campaign of then congressman Ken W. Deal, McKone went on to serve as director of college relations at California State University at San Bernadino.

With his roots in McAllen, McKone decided to return to the

Valley after two years.

"With the way the seasons flow right into each other, it doesn't seem like 30 years have past," said McKone.

Although McKone's efforts may go unnoticed at times, he has received some considerable

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—Jim McKone

recognition for his work.

In 1994, he was the first sports writer inducted into the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

"I considered that a tribute because I wasn't even an athlete," said McKone.

From 1987-98 McKone gave the Valley a daily glimpse of the UTPA athletic department through his "Bronc Diary".

"If you talk to people long enough you find that everyone has a story. Sometimes it may be the last person on the bench. I thought I'd write a little story like that everyday," said McKone.

In the 12-year span of the "Bronc Diary", McKone provided 2884 stories that would more than likely go unnoticed.

They say behind every good man is a good woman. McKone is no exception. For 45 years Jerry McKone has stood by her husband.

"She really understood because she was a newspaper person also and if she wasn't I would have been terrible," said McKone.

So what will he miss the most?

"When they play the National Anthem because you know something exciting is going to happen. It brings out a certain anticipation," said McKone.

McKone will be honored at each of four scheduled sporting events this weekend. The Bronc baseball team opens their season with a double header and both men's and women's basketball teams will also be in action.

## Diaries reflect fond memories

Here are some of McKone's favorite diaries.

### On Coach Al's retirement:

Al Ogletree ended his highly successful 29-year career as baseball coach at UTPA as the last speaker at his farewell banquet.

This is how he ended his speech at The Club at Cimarron:

"Most of you have never seen me wearing a suit and tie before," he told 225 people at the banquet. "Probably the next time you see me wearing a suit and tie, it will be at a funeral home, and it won't cost you \$50!"

### On Lupe Garcia's retirement:

After 35 years working as a Pan American Bronc, Guadalupe (Lupe) Garcia plans to retire on his 65th birthday, May 30. The UTPA Athletic Department will never be quite the same after he leaves.

When he came to little Pan American College on March 16, 1963, to work as a foreman on the grounds crew, Garcia planted many trees that now are tall and old. Soon he became the bus driver, later also the equipment manager, for Bronc athletic teams. He also became a legend to 35 years of fellow employees and many hundreds of athletes.

### On the end of the Bronc Diary:

This is the last Bronc Diary. There have been 2,884 of them. For the past 12 academic years the Sports Information Office at UTPA produced a diary every day, seven per week. The diary never missed a day; newspapers sometimes left one out.

*The Monitor* and *The Valley Morning Star*, printed nearly every one of them. *The Edinburg Daily Review* printed a

majority. *The Washington Post* printed one on its editorial page, to apologize for calling Texas-Pan American "a small college in South Texas" when it had 13,000 students. Newspapers from Honolulu to Bangor, Maine, from Mexico City to Chicago, some overseas, printed Bronc Diaries. Sports Illustrated and "NCAA Today" (a TV show) used diaries they adapted.

There is a time to write, and a time to refrain from writing. Late in 1997 writing the diary was cut from the SID's job description. Like doing a comic strip, publishing a diary every day can cause its creator to go stale. Old Broncs tend to tire, and their hooves hurt. Young tales are better told.

## Broncs near infamous record

### UTPA Sports Information

MOBILE, Ala.— Brian Merriweather, no longer bearing the honor—and the burden—of being the nation's No. 1 basketball scorer, because he could only manage 14 points against Northwestern University Saturday in their 76-47 loss at Northwestern. The 6-3 UTPA sophomore dropped to No. 3 in the NCAA.

Wildcat center Evan Eschmeyer lead all scorer's with 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Broncs shot just 26 percent from the field and only managed to go 5-for-28 in the first half.

Three point field goal percentage wasn't much better at 28 percent for the game.

The Broncs could break the NCAA record for road losses with 56 Monday night against South Alabama.

Just one other Bronc, 6-7 freshman Kirby Lemons, scores in double figures at 12.4. John Braxton, 6-4 sophomore, comes close to double digits at 9.3.

Lalo Rios, who scored 10 points by making 3-of-7, came closest of anyone to denting Northwestern's steel defense.



# Freshman triple jumper breaks Lady Bronc record

By **JOE LEAL**  
Sports Editor

When UTPA triple-jumper Judy Kotey stepped off the plane she knew she was home.

A recent addition to the Lady Bronc track and field team, Kotey wasted no time making an immediate impact.

In her first meet at the LSU Invitational, the 5-9 true freshman leaped into the the Bronc record books with a jump of 40 feet six inches.

"It wasn't my best jump. I didn't even know I had broken the record until I was told," said Kotey.

Her jump surpassed the 39 foot 10 inch UTPA women's mark set by Monica Wesley in 1991.

Kotey's virtually instant success couldn't have made the Bronc coaching staff any happier.

"I found out about Judy when she broke the British Indoor Junior National Record," said Bronc assistant coach Michael Bartolina. "So did everybody else."

Kotey, who comes by way of St. Albans, was recruited by powerhouse programs such as UCLA, Florida, Texas and Arizona among several others.

So why UTPA?

Two factors stood out in making her decision.

"I felt more comfortable with coach (Bartolina) and I really like the weather here. It is ideal for the type of training I need," said Kotey.

Back home, Kotey attended the St. Alban's School for Girls, a primarily academic oriented preparatory school. She started track and field just two years ago and has received little if any formal training.

"She was completely green. She's really never been coached and trained, so she had to adjust to the volume of work involved with practice," said Bartolina.

Kotey continues to adjust to the length and intensity of her workouts.

"What we do here in a day would take us a whole week back in England," said Kotey.

Along with the triple jump, Kotey also competes in the long

jump, the 100 and 200 meter outdoor sprints including the 60 meter indoor.

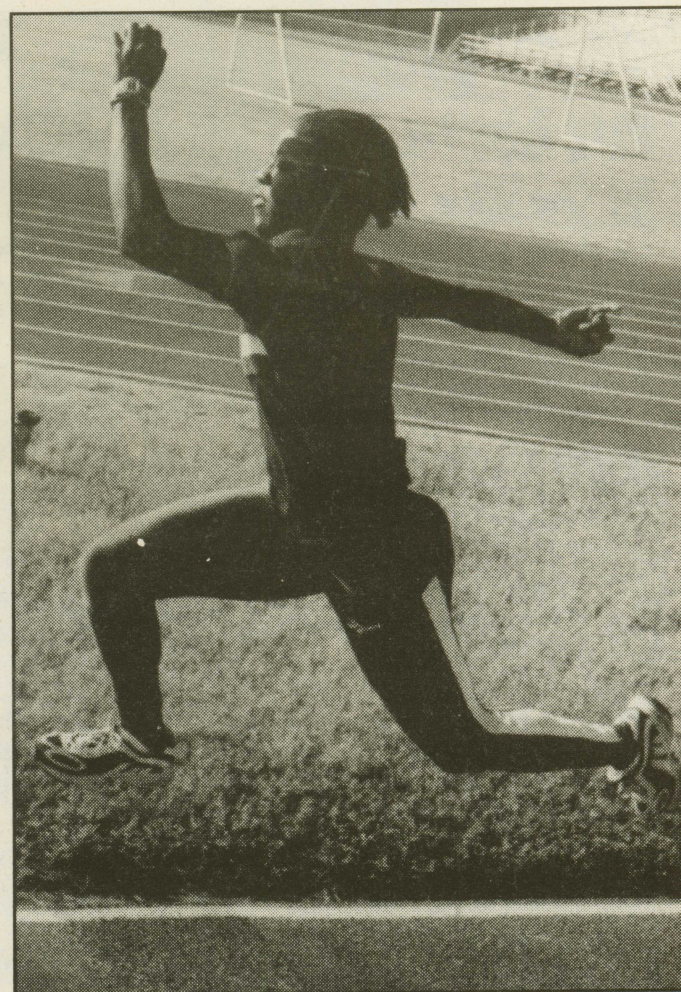
According to Bartolina, with the proper training and development, Kotey has a legitimate shot at qualifying for the NCAA nationals and beyond.

"The most exceptional thing about Judy is how average she really is. She's an 18-year-old who's probably going to be an Olympian," said Bartolina.

Although Kotey has much to learn, she exudes the necessary confidence associated with world-class athletes.

"I have a lot to work on and I know what I've done so far isn't my very best. I know I can be much better," said Kotey.

No matter what, Judy Kotey has arrived and she feels quite at home.



—Bert Gonzalez

Judy Kotey has quickly etched her name in the Bronc recordbooks.

## Lady Broncs take fifth At McNeese State Classic

### UTPA Sports Information

LAKE CHARLES, La.—Kacey Warrick dominated the 3000 meter and Rachel Drury grabbed second in the pole vault as UTPA's women took fifth of 15 at the McNeese State Classic.

"The women finishing fifth of 15 teams is real exciting—it's a big improvement for us as a group," said Head Coach Dana Colligan-Gutierrez of UTPA.

"Joe Medina ran phenomenally, a very mature race, to finish second for the men in the 3000."

UTPA's indoor track and field teams did well Saturday. They won in dual-meet scoring over Nicholls State but lost to New Orleans. The Broncs finished 10th of 15 men's teams with some top efforts.

Shari Galvan of UTPA took fourth in the triple jump. Dawne Hill and Judy Kotey both finished fifth, in the shot put and long jump. Laura Cruz got sixth in the high jump. And the UTPA women's distance medley relay raced to second place against a strong field.

Peter Carreon ran fourth in the 3000 and Eric Rodriguez got fourth in the triple jump. "We finished up a great day—I'm excited how competitive everyone was," added Coach Colligan-Gutierrez.

## The road to SUPERBOWL XXXIII

### Elway is poised to enjoy this Super Bowl

#### College Press Exchange

FORT LAUDERDALE - When the Broncos arrived in San Diego last January for the Super Bowl, they had to deal with the annoyance of lost luggage, courtesy of their airline carrier.

There was no such problem Sunday night, perhaps because they lugged a lot less baggage to Super Bowl XXXIII than they did a year ago.

Mental baggage, that is. Especially for John Elway.

The Broncos quarterback, in a news conference at the team's hotel, admitted he was stressed last year by the relentless attention devoted to his dramatic, seemingly interminable

quest to win a championship ring after three previous flops in the Super Bowl.

"It definitely takes the pressure off," said Elway, alluding to the stunning win over the Packers last year - the Broncos' first Super Bowl win in five tries. "We don't have that

monkey on our back anymore. That's a big relief."

The 38-year-old Elway, preparing for what likely will be the final game of his legendary career, vowed to take a stop-and-smell-the-roses attitude for Sunday's game against the Falcons.

"I've tried to do that all

year," he said. "Believe me, this is a relief. It's nice not to hear those questions, 'Will your career be complete if you won't win a championship?'"

"I'm going to enjoy this week. This is what I came back for, to play in a game like this."

Elway hasn't made any announcements regarding his future, but there's little doubt he will retire after the Super Bowl.

The Broncos are expected to win, a role reversal from last year when they were heavy underdogs against the Packers. That, in itself, could heap extra pressure on the Broncos.



# UTPA fans really love their games

By ELADIO JAIMEZ  
The Pan American

Despite having a 3-15 record, Bronc fans have been flocking to the UTPA Fieldhouse in record numbers to catch a glimpse of the Bronc team.

UTPA athletic director Bill Weidner attributes the sudden surge in attendance to several factors.

"I think that we have made a concerted effort to market and promote the athletic events," Weidner said. "We have worked hard at networking the community," said Weidner.

Having one of the nation's top scorers in Brian Merriweather could only help attract more fans.

"That's what we need," explained Merriweather. "The crowd can serve as our sixth man while we're on the court. It's a good feeling to have all those people out there support-



—Joe Leal

**Bronc fans were out in full force in their most recent home game against Southwestern Louisiana. According to Fieldhouse numbers, over 4,500 fans were in attendance.**

ing us."

Through the first six home games of the season, a total of 18,600 fans have turned out to support the Broncs which works out to an average of 3,100 per game. The last time the average attendance per game topped the 3000 mark

was during the 1990-91 season when an average of 3,104 turned out to see a Bronc team that ended the year with a 7-21 mark.

On Jan. 14, a whopping 4,523 fans came out to see the Broncs in a losing effort to Southwestern Louisiana. That

remains the largest crowd to see a Bronc game since 1990 when 4,697 fans came out to see the Broncs against Nicholls State.

In the last five years, the Broncs have played in front of over 4000 fans just three times. This year that number is

two.

When compared to the 1997-98 season, the average attendance per game has skyrocketed from a mere 1,364 to an astonishing 3,100—an increase of 127 percent. To put things into perspective, the average attendance per game for the previous five seasons was 2,139.

Last season the Broncs never had a crowd of 2,000 or more. Their biggest crowd was a mere 1,696.

It certainly pays to win. In their wins over Louisiana Tech and Arkansas-Little Rock, 2,769 and 2,852 showed up respectively. In their games following a victory those numbers jumped—4,105 against Gonzaga, along with the 4,500 plus in the game against Southwestern Louisiana.

"The brand of ball is exciting. I'm not surprised (by the attendance) but I'm very appreciative," Brooks said.

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